

IRS TAX TIP 2003-17

EFTPS-ONLINE: PAY YOUR TAXES OVER THE INTERNET

If you're going to owe taxes when you file your federal tax return, consider paying over the Internet through the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS). EFTPS-OnLine is fast, easy, convenient, and secure. The government does not charge for this service.

You can enroll in EFTPS-OnLine via an official government site on the Internet, using a user-friendly Web interface. After enrollment, you will receive a confirmation kit by mail with instructions for obtaining an Internet password. For added security, a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be mailed to you. Your private tax information is protected — the EFTPS site exceeds private industry best practices.

With EFTPS-OnLine, you can pay any balance due and any estimated tax payments. It also allows individual taxpayers to schedule payments up to 365 days in advance. Other features include an instant, printable EFT Acknowledgement Number as documentation of every transaction and access to payment history for up to 120 days for individuals.

EFTPS also offers a choice of convenient electronic payment methods in addition to the Internet: by phone, through free EFTPS-PC Software, or through a service offered by your financial institution.

The system is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is also available to business taxpayers. So, individuals and businesses can pay their taxes virtually anytime, from virtually anywhere.

For more information, visit the EFTPS Web site at www.eftps.gov or call toll free 1-800-555-4477 or 1-800-945-8400.

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